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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of studies undertaken by various institutions under National River Action Planfor the Beas, Satluj, Yamuna rivers and for the revival of the Rivalsar lake in Mandi District and in regard to field testing laboratory and sanitation survey etc. inHimachal Pradesh during the last five years till date;

(b) the details of proposals lying pending with the Government for allocation of funds in this regard alongwith the time since when these are pending;

(c) the reasons for not allocating the required funds so far; and

(d) the time by which the funds are likely to be allocated by the Government for such proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (d) Under the National River Conservation Plan, proposals received from Himachal Pradesh are as follows:-

(i) Proposal for Rs. 78.60 lakhs for assessment of pollution load in river Satluj in Himachal Pradesh received in 1994.

(ii) Proposal for Rs. 78.41 crores for pollution abatement in 11 towns along river Beas received in 2000.

The proposal for river Satluj could not be undertaken as the water quality of the river stretchin Himachal Pradesh was within the prescribed standards. For river Beas, the Government ofHimachal Pradesh was asked to prepare Detailed Project Reports with firm costs and following an integrated approach with 70:30 cost sharing between the Central and the State Government. During the X Plan, Ministry will take up the works in various states depending upon the prioritization and availability of funds. No proposals for Yamuna river and revival of Rivalsar lake have been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh.